GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2030
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STORAGE OF WATER IN ALMATTI DAM
PUTTASWAMY GOWDA

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that villages in Maharashtra would be submerged if water level at Almatti Dam is increased to 524.256;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government would allow the Government of Karnataka to store 173 TMC of Krishna River Water in dam; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) & (b) As reported by the Government of Karnataka, villages in Maharashtra will not be submerged due to back water effect of storage at Almatti Dam for the Full Reservoir Level(FRL) of 524.256 metre. However, Government of Maharashtra has expressed the view that with FRL of 524.256 metre for Almatti Dam, areas in Maharashtra territory will be submerged.

(c) & (d) As per the Krishna Water Disputes Tribunal Award, the allocations of Krishna waters for the party States are'enbloc' and not project-wise. The Hon'ble Supreme Court in its judgment of April, 2000 stipulated that the FRL of Almatti Dam would be restricted to 519.6 metre to utilize 173 thousand million cubic feet (TMC) of water under Upper Krishna Project Stage-I & II together.